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MAYOR'S COLUMN

It is No Mow April The Sustainability Committee, Mayor and Council encourage Town residents to refrain from or reduce lawn mowing during the month of April to support local pollinators. Early spring is a critical time for pollinators and the plants on which they rely. In our region, during the months of March and April, overwintering pollinators emerge and begin to forage lawns and yards for food sources. Many plants within our lawns provide food and habitat for these early-emerging pollinators, and you can help their populations grow and thrive by eliminating or reducing lawn mowing. That helps us all.

An informed electorate needs trusted information, as does local government, to allow the Town to respond and move forward. We regularly receive questions or suggestions from residents regarding Town processes and procedures, matters before the Council, or what is hap-

pening in Town or nearby, and we take pains to provide answers. The newsletter you have in front of you is an excellent source of substantive information about Town and community. The Town Charter established the University Park Newsletter to *provide information to the residents of the Town relating to governmental activities of the Town, to provide official notices as required by Charter or Ordinance*. Since the 1980s, the Newsletter has been published 11 times per year and mailed to every address in Town. It is the most widely read and relied-upon source of University Park information.

For the very latest Town news, look to the website at www.upmd.org. The site is packed with features and Town information and is fully searchable using the Search this Site box near the top. The Newsletter is posted on the website well before it shows up in your mailbox. Council and committee meeting agendas and their

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	April 4 & 10
Candidate Deadline	April 4
Recycling Event	April 30

Council meetings are at 7:30 PM and currently conducted by videoconference. Agendas are posted at www.upmd.org/agendacenter. Town Hall is closed. Please sign up for alerts or visit the Town website at www.upmd.org/notifyme for updated information.

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minutes are posted in the website's Agenda Center. The Council Agenda posted includes links to the full Council Packet with detailed background information and memos regarding matters on Council meeting agendas. The Town's website is also a platform for other Town communications, including my own *Mayor's List* notices with current Town or nearby events you should know about, and Police Chief Harvey Baker's *Chief's Blog – What's Up* with the latest Police Department news. For advance information on what is up for discussion at Town Council meetings, sign up to receive Town Council Agenda Notifications, as the Mayor's List is no longer including this. Town of University Park Elections Information provides any new materials or information about Town elections.

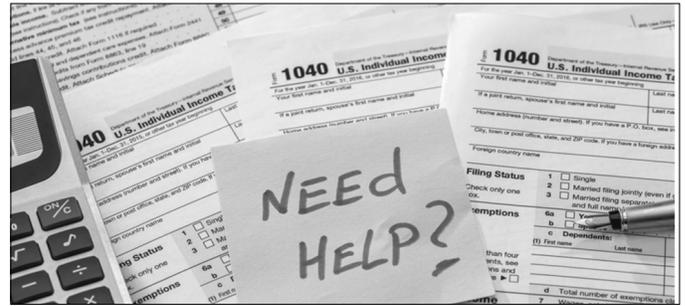
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Do not hesitate to reach out to ask questions or share your thoughts or an idea with Mayor and Councilmembers. The Town Directory is on the back cover of each newsletter with email addresses and telephone numbers for Mayor, Town Council, and Town staff. Local government is a conversation. We appreciate hearing from you and work to be responsive.

— Len Carey

Do you agree or disagree? Did I miss something?
Let me know: mayorcarey@upmd.org



Free Tax Preparation Services

The federal individual income tax deadline is Monday, April 18, 2022. The filing and payment deadline for state individual income tax returns is Friday, July 15, 2022. Tax assistance is available for low to moderate-income households.

AARP

Offers free state and federal tax preparation services. Customers can choose between in-person and remote tax assistance depending on site availability. Eligibility: Anyone with low- to moderate-income, with a special focus on taxpayers who are 50 or older may qualify. Call 1-888-AARP-NOW (1-888-227-7669) or visit AARP online.

CASA

Offers free state and federal tax preparation services. Eligibility: Individuals/families who made less than \$58,000 in 2021, specifically Spanish speakers. May also be able to assist those who speak other languages. Call 410-732-777 to schedule an appointment.

VITA

Offers free state and federal tax preparation services. Eligibility: The filer made less than \$58,000 in 2021. Call 1-800-906-9887 and ask to find a location or visit the IRS VITA locator online.

Reminder:

Please use University Park as your address on your Maryland tax forms.



FROM THE CHIEF

Did you know that April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)? This April marks the 21st anniversary of observing Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The awareness and focus around SAAM are very important and play a critical role in preventing this significant societal problem. According to the CDC, every 68 seconds, an American is sexually assaulted. And every 9 minutes, that victim is a child. Women and girls experience sexual violence at a higher rate. However, men and boys are also affected by sexual assault. This crime can occur at home, work, during social interaction and online. Unfortunately, perpetrators of this crime often go unpunished.



Many victims of sexual violence do not report it to the police. In fact, only 310 out of every 1,000 sexual assaults are reported to the police. The University Park Police stand in support of sexual assault victims and during the month of April join the national effort to bring awareness to sexual assault. We hope you will join us on Tuesday, April 5, as a day of action to focus awareness on sexual assault prevention. The University Park Police will wear a teal pin to show our support, you can do the same by wearing a teal garment or ribbon and take a picture and post it on social media. We hope you will join us to support Sexual Assault Awareness Month. If you or someone you know is a victim of sexual violence, please call 911. The University Park Police Department also recommends sexual violence survivors call the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 800-656-HOPE.

Theft Between February 18-22 a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle parked in the 4300 block of Woodberry St. The vehicle owner noticed a loud sound after starting the vehicle and took it to the repair shop, where a mechanic told him the catalytic converter had been stolen. There are no suspects currently.

Theft On February 24 at 11 AM a suspect pushing a shopping cart in the 4200 block of East West Hwy abandoned his cart and stole an unlocked purple bike from the backyard of a residence. A witness observed the incident and reported the theft to her neighbor. There are no suspects currently.



DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, April 30, 10 AM-2 PM

This is an opportunity to protect families from potential misuse and abuse of prescription and over-the-counter drugs, as well as protect the environment. University Park Police supports the DEA's safe disposal of drugs and will participate. University Park residents are encouraged to drop off prescription and over-the-counter drugs during the event. The University Park Police will take the drugs to DEA for proper disposal. Please wear your mask; we will be social distancing.

If you are unable stop by Town Hall during the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, please follow these simple steps for easy, responsible disposal (also applicable for liquid medication) of drugs:

- Take unused, unneeded or expired prescription drugs out of their original prescription bottles.
- Crush medication and put it in a container such as an empty can or sealable bag.
- Mix with coffee grounds, dirt or kitty litter.
- Discard with regular trash.
- For more information about the DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, please go to takebackday.dea.gov



Police Movie Night in the Park & Pickleball Demo

May 6, demo 5 PM, movie 6:30-9:30 PM

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and join us under the stars at the town field for a showing of Disney's *Encanto*. The movie will preceded by a pickleball demonstration at 5 PM at the courts on Queen's Chapel Rd. All ages are welcome.



This community sponsored event is in partnership with the Maryland National Capital Park Police.

Electronics Recycling

Saturday, April 30, 9 AM-1 PM

Bring your electronics to the bus turnaround at UPES to be recycled. Also offered is paper shredding and tire recycling (no rims). They will be offering hard drive destruction services. They will provide a certificate of destruction but will not destroy the hard drive onsite. The electronics vendor is Electronics Value Recovery, Inc. and the paper shredding is offered by EcoShred LLC.



Sustainability Committee News

No Mow April Want to help native biodiversity thrive? The easiest thing you can do to help is simple—mow the lawn less—a win-win for reticent gardeners and bees alike. Campaigns such as No Mow April highlight the benefits of keeping taller grass during key times of the year, while also benefitting those looking for low maintenance garden ideas. Lawns less than 12 inches tall are within UP Town Code. Timing is everything—March and April are when a lot of our native bees are quite busy. Does it have



to support pollinator habitat

to be the whole lawn? Not necessarily. Start with a space in your lawn that makes sense to let the grass grow a little longer in March and April. And then watch for new and more plentiful native visitors to your flowers! For questions on supporting native biodiversity on your lawn, contact MarySue of the UP Sustainability Committee at mstwohy@gmail.com. UP Sustainability Committee offers a spring invitation to get involved:

- **April 23** Stream Cleanup, 10 AM. Sign up at Town field. Wear outdoor clothes and boots.
- **June 25** UP Meadow Day at the UP Pollinator Meadow at 10 AM. Offering Native Plant pick up through direct orders with Sangha (details coming!), Anacostia Watershed Society Table, UMD Bee Lab Display, UP Tree Committee Table and more!

Helping Hands University Park



Helping Hands University Park

Some residents of University Park have lived in this community for many decades. To accommodate the changing needs associated with aging, many find they must move away from the neighborhood, losing touch with UP neighbors, long-time friends and other benefits that come with this place we call home. The HHUP committee thinks it is important for our “alumni” to maintain those communities and is now sponsoring free Town Newsletter

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subscriptions for them. Contact us at the email below for details.

HHUP Calendar—All events are via Zoom unless otherwise noted.

HHUP Poetry Gathering, Sunday, April 3, 4:5:30 PM
All UP residents are welcome, whether a poet, poetry lover, or just poetry curious. Contact Gerry Hendershot, ghendershot@earthlink.net; Loretta Saks, lorettahhup@gmail.com, or Deborah Rosenfelt, dsr@umd.edu.

Members Monthly Lunch Club, Wednesday, April 20, 12-1 PM Become a member and join us!

Route 1 Corridor Conversations, Saturday, April 23, 2-3:30 PM James Beard Award-winning food writer and columnist for *The Washington Post* Tim Carman will discuss what it's like being a food critic, how he chooses restaurants to review, what he looks for in the dining experience and the changing food landscape in the DMV. He'll also discuss restaurants of note along the Route 1 Corridor. See more info online at hyattsville-aginginplace.org.

Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, April 26, 5-6:30 PM All UP residents welcome to attend.

Conversational Spanish, Wednesdays, 3-4 PM Members meet to practice with instructor Edda Osborne.

HHUP Contact Info: [hhuniversitypark@gmail.com](mailto:huniversitypark@gmail.com); 301-892-6636; helpinghandsup.org; [facebook.com/HelpingHandsUP](https://www.facebook.com/HelpingHandsUP).



Tree Committee News

The Unfolding of Spring After months of cold, sullen skies and hard, closed ground, April has arrived with the great softening and promise of cultivation. Most of the bulbs have emerged and retreated; woody plants are now leafing out, mostly in the understory, taking advantage of the full brunt of the sun with no impediment of the inevitable shadow the mature trees will cast once leafed out. With some exceptions, trees with diffuse porous wood anatomy come next—the maples and birch, the cherries and willow. Next to leaf out are trees with ring

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porous wood anatomy, which includes oak and hickory, sassafras and mulberry. The black walnut can always be found bringing up the rear, sometimes not leafing out until mid-May. Many gardeners equate walnut leaf emergence with full spring. For further discussion of “porous wood anatomy,” see https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/some_species_of_trees_green_up_earlier_than_others

Ivy League, Saturday, April 9, 10 AM If you are seeking a tangible way to reduce global warming, consider helping University Park’s urban forest to thrive by removing invasive ivy from tree trunks, thus inducing more healthy respiration and resultant increase in healthy foliage. Please meet at the 9/11 Memorial. You will need a pair of hand pruners and a prying tool such as a dandelion weeder or large, sturdy screwdriver. Prickly brush may be encountered, so please dress appropriately. Community Service forms will be signed if provided on site.

February 7 Council Meeting Highlights

Present (via video and audio conference) were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers (CM) Biermann, Gathercole, Morrissey, Morgan, McGaughey, Wells, Stephen.

Consent Agenda

Motion: *To approve the following consent agenda items.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

To remove an exterior door opening and patch with matching brick and install new windows at 4405 Holly Hill Road.

To install 4’ aluminum fence and gates on front and side of yard at 6904 Oakridge Road.

To build a 10’x 14’ shed of vinyl and wood at 4012 Van Buren Street.

To replace and install a new 4’ aluminum fence on side yard at 4300 Tuckerman Street.

To install Tesla solar roof tiles with energy storage system at 6425 Adelphi Road.

To install drainage pipe to replace above ground pipe at 6510 41st Avenue.

Mayor’s Report

■ On Saturday, February 5, the distribution of Covid test

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kits by the Police Department and the CERT team was very successful.

- University Park will receive 216 KN95 masks from Prince George's County.
- Prince George's County will continue to distribute test kits and KN95 masks through libraries and community centers.

Committee Reports and Council Comments

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 9. The discussion will include parking restrictions and College Park's Code on traffic calming devices.

Development Overview Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 10. The discussion will include the draft letter for the Sector Plan and sediment in Wells Run.

Council Work Session A Council Work Session on the budget process is scheduled for Wednesday, February 16 at 7:30 PM in the Conference Room at Town Hall. The Work Session is intended for new Councilmembers and is at their request but is open to all. Attendance is not required.

Public Facilities and Services Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 17.

Continuing Business

Motion: To approve the budget adjustments for fiscal year 2022 in the total amount of \$62,700 as recommended by the Town Treasurer in the January 13, 2022 memo to the Mayor and Council. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To adopt Legislative Resolution 22-O-01 amending the Fiscal Year 2022 budget ordinance, Legislative Resolution 21-O-02, to create a new Operating General Government Expenditure line item—6970-09 American Rescue Plan Expenditures, and to transfer \$871,708 from line item 6603-08, American Rescue Plan Reserve, to the new line item. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To adopt Ordinance 22-O-02, amending Chapter 9 "Traffic and Vehicles", Article 1, "Traffic", Section 9-104, "Parking" to prohibit parking at any time on the north side of Underwood Street from its intersection with Adelphi Road to its intersection with 40th Avenue. Motion approved 7 to 0.

New Business

Motion: Per Section 504(a) of the Town Charter, to set a May 3, 2022 date for General Election in the Town of University Park for the Office of Mayor and Councilmember for Wards 1, 3, 7; to approve a vote-by-mail election where all ballots must be received by 8 PM on Election Day to be counted; and to approve the poll hours of operation from 1 to 8 PM at Town Hall located at 6724 Baltimore Avenue in University Park. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To ratify an extension of the contract with incumbent Newsletter Editors Todd Stewart and Bridget Warren on the same terms and conditions for an additional two-year period ending May 31, 2023. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To approve Resolution 2022 R 01 for the placement of a speed camera along the length of Route 1 in University Park, MD.

Amended Motion: To approve Resolution 2022 R 01 for the placement of a speed camera along Baltimore Avenue between Route 410 and Pineway North in University Park, MD. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: Per Section 2-103 of the Town Codes, to appoint Councilmember David McGaughey to the Development Overview Committee. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: Per Section 2-110 of the Town Code, to declare two buses owned by the Town as surplus and to authorize their disposal by the Town Administrator:

2006 Ford E450 Startrans Bus VIN:
1FDXE45S06DA04354

2015 Chevrolet Express Bus VIN:
1GB6G5BGXF1154655

Motion approved 7 to 0.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:09 PM.

February 22 Council Meeting Highlights

Present (via video and audio conference) were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers (CM) Biermann, Gathercole, Morgan, McGaughey, Wells, Stephen (arrived at 7:33 PM). Excused: Morrissey.

Consent Agenda

Motion: To approve the following consent agenda item. Motion approved 6 to 0.

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To install 6' wooden fence in rear of property at 6803 Pineway.

Public Comment

A resident said that he and another resident had an idea last year and called it "Arts in the Park". It turned out to be a very successful event and this resident asked Councilmembers to support the Resolution that will make this a permanent annual event.

A resident (via email) thanked the Town Council for the generous contribution to the Azalea Classic scheduled for May 7, 2022.

Committee Reports and Council Comments

Helping Hands

- Updating the volunteer training list.
- Received \$1,000 from the Town.
- Due to COVID, the monthly luncheon has been cancelled.
- Every Wednesday at 3:00 (Zoom)—Conversational Spanish.
- February 26—History of the Lakeland Community.

Continuing Business

Motion: To reconsider and re-adopt Ordinance 22-0-02 as amended, amending Chapter 9 "Traffic and Vehicles", Article 1, "Traffic", Section 9-104, "Parking" to prohibit parking at any time on the north side of Underwood Street from its intersection with Adelphi Road to its intersection with 40th Avenue. Motion approved 6 to 0.

New Business

Motion: To approve a contract for engineering services with Rummel, Klepper and Kahl (RK&K), subject to a \$50,000 cap unless approved by the Council. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: Per Section 2-103 of the Town Code and as recommended by the Mayor, to establish the Transit 2 Task Force to recommend whether, when and how to reestablish Town transit services. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: Per Section 2-103 of the Town Ordinances, to appoint Councilmember David McGaughey (Chair) and Emily Alvarez, Marya Link, David Tully, Carol Weese, Joe Schultz and Maggie Wessling as members of the Transit 2 Task Force, with Town Administrator

David Deutsch as staff liaison. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: To declare the last Saturday of September each year as Arts in the Park Day in University Park. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Administrator and Department Reports

Town Administrator David Deutsch

- Participating in a webinar regarding ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) sponsored by the State of Maryland.
- The budget will be presented to the Council on or about April 1, 2022

Town Clerk TC Hegeman

- Summary of permits issued in the month of February: 7 building; 2 dumpster/pod and 0 vendor.
- Preparing for the upcoming Town election.

Chief of Police Harvey Baker

- No crime report for February.
- A detailed report was given on the Automated Speed Enforcement Program. CM Biermann asked that a copy of this report be sent to Councilmembers.
- Multi Jurisdiction Traffic Detail Plan is scheduled for March 26, from 6-9 PM.
- Training: National Incident Base Reporting System; Creating a Culture of Accountability; Comparative Compliance Course.
- Chief Baker participated in the County Police Accountability Board Interviews.
- A new law is being considered, HB1184, to create a police accountability board for municipal departments.

Town Treasurer Dan Baden The January 2022 Treasurer's Report was distributed.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:40 PM.

March 7 Council Meeting Highlights

Present (via video and audio conference) were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers (CM) Biermann, Gathercole, Morrissey, Morgan, McGaughey, Wells. Absent: Stephen.

Consent Agenda

Motion: To approve the following consent agenda item. Motion approved 6 to 0.

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To install a French drain with water draining into a rock garden at the rear of the property at 4425 Underwood.

Public Comment

A resident said that since it does not look like the Van Buren Street bridge is going to be replaced, she suggested that a trash can be placed on the west side of Wells Parkway. Currently people have to walk down the slope to deposit their trash and it is very slippery.

Mayor's Report

- The Maryland Court of Appeals has upheld the Circuit Court regarding County Council redistricting. The redistricting map will revert to that recommended by the Redistricting Commission, the last date for candidates to file is March 22.
- The Hyattsville Branch County Library will have a ribbon-cutting on March 30 at 10 AM.
- Highway User Funds Day for Maryland Municipal League is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9 and 10. Hearings in the Senate will be in-person on March 9, The House of Delegates hearing will be the next day, on March 10.
- The University Park Civic Association has scheduled the community wide yard sale for Saturday, April 2.
- Town Hall will reopen to the public in early April.
- We would like to enable return to in-person Council meetings at Town Hall beginning this summer.
- The Town Attorney advised that Town Hall would have to be a temporary measure until the school can accommodate the meetings because of ADA requirements.
- Mr. Deutsch will research the cost of returning to University Park Elementary School for council meetings.
- The Maryland Municipal League Summer Conference is scheduled for mid-June 2022 in Ocean City, MD; councilmembers are encouraged to attend.

Committee Reports and Council Comments

Sustainability Committee

- Discussion at the March 2 meeting included: the Town becoming a Monarch Way Station, joining Bee City USA, which entails adding beehives in the meadow, participating in "No Mow May", Town park plan (RFP), and a letter supporting the County Climate Action Plan.
- Sustainable Maryland Summit is scheduled for March 16, 6-8:30 PM. The topic will be "Route 1 Corridor Green Team Summit."

- Meadow seeding and weeding event is scheduled for Saturday, March 19 at 10 AM, volunteers are welcomed.
- On Saturday, April 23 at 10 AM volunteers are needed to clean the Town stream. A sign-up sheet will be at the Town field on that day.
- Meadow Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 25 from 10 AM- 12 PM.

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9. Discussion will include criteria for traffic calming.

Development Overview Committee

- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 10.
- Discussion will include JCPenney's parking lot and the proposed 200 apartments that will be built at that location.
- The developers of the Landy Property are finishing up their stormwater project and the creek looks very good again.

Transit Task Force II The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8 from 7-8 PM. The group will meet on the second Tuesday of each month.

Helping Hands An ad-hoc meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 9. Discussion will include assisting with the Easter egg hunt at the tot lot.

New Business

- Infrastructure Phase 2b briefing regarding projected costs and revenue sources.
- Mr. Beall discussed the memo that was distributed regarding the project.
 - Mr. Deutsch noted that the recommendation regarding a transfer from Reserves will be presented as a budget amendment to the council at the next meeting.
 - A copy of the Beechwood bridge report has been sent to councilmembers.

Motion: Per Section 2-115 of the Town Code, to approve the amended contract with NZI Corporation to include an expanded scope of work for the Phase 2B Infrastructure Project in substantially the form provided. The amended contract rides a Prince George's County Contract which was awarded via a competitive bid process consistent with that of the Town with the exception of the Queens Chapel Road bridge repairs.

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The Mayor and Council have determined that the bid for the bridge repair work at a cost of approximately \$100,000 should be accepted for good cause. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: To authorize the Mayor to further extend the contract between the Town, the City of College Park, the University of Maryland, and VEO until November 30, 2022 to enable completion of negotiations for a new 3-year contract. Motion approved 6 to 0. Note: There are no financial implications of the extension.

Town Administrator Report

The Fiscal 2023 budget will be presented to the Council by March 31, 2022. Council will begin reviewing the revenue portion of the budget at the April 4 Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:45 PM.



University Park Civic Association News

The University Park Civic Association (UPCA) is gearing up to bring community events back to our neighborhood in 2022. The goal of the UPCA is to make the neighborhood a friendly, fun and engaging place. Our goal is to bring neighbors together. This spring, we will be hosting the Spring Egg Hunt, the Town Yard Sale, and a meet and greet happy hour at a local restaurant. We want to organize other events in the coming months, but we need your help. We welcome all to join in our events as we believe our strong sense of community is what sets our neighborhood apart! Visit our website at upcamd.com to find out more about these events and how you can get involved in the UPCA.

University Park Woman's Club

Monday, April 4, 11:30 AM

Please join us as we welcome guest speaker Chris Aubry. Chris has served as the chair of University Park's Committee on Trees, Parks and Environment for ten years. He and his committee serve as the voice of advocacy for the town's "silent citizens," the thousands of trees which enrich our lives—financially, physically and emotionally.

He will share his thoughts on University Park's tree canopy and talk about why he believes it is a shared resource owned by all, for which we have a moral imperative to nurture and safeguard. For seven years Chris earned his living as a tree surgeon in the urban forests of Central New Jersey as sole proprietor of Poet Tree Service, where he distinguished himself by persuading many of his would-be customers not to cut down their trees. In Maryland, Arbor Day is celebrated on the first Wednesday in April and citizens are encouraged to plant trees in yards, school grounds, parks and forests. The national celebration of Arbor Day is April 29. This year marks the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day and the 50th anniversary of the Arbor Day Foundation. Our meeting will be in-person at the University Christian Church at the corner of Adelphi and Belcrest Roads with sign-in beginning at 11:30 AM. Snacks, water, coffee and tea will be provided. Please RSVP to Pat Myers at 301-439-6813.



Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt

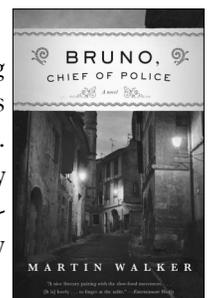
Sunday, April 17, 9:30 AM

Come join us at University Park Church of the Brethren for our annual Easter breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt! Breakfast will go until 10:15ish, then egg hunting will begin. On the menu are from-scratch whole wheat pancakes, eggs, sausage (pork and turkey), fruit and vegan/vegetarian options. BYOB (Bring Your Own Basket (or bag))! No kids to hunt Easter eggs? Join us for breakfast anyway! RSVP at www.upcob.org

After Eight Book Group

Tuesday, April 19, 8-10 PM

The After Eight Book Group is meeting virtually this month. The April title is *The Daughter of Time* by Josephine Tey. May's book is *Bruno, Chief of Police* by Martin Walker. Those interested in attending should contact Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550.





PorchFest
Sunday, May 1

What is PorchFest? PorchFest is a family-friendly community music event, appropriate for all ages. The focal point will be a variety of musical acts ranging from acoustic to electric, solo to ensemble. ALL are welcome and invited to participate by either: playing music; hosting with your porch or yard; or just being a music lover, strolling through town to hear different performances. Registration is now open! Register to perform by sending an email with your name and a description of your group to Dan at daneps@gmail.com, and we will pair you with a willing porch or yard owner if you need one. Porch and yard owners—we need you to make this a one-of-a-kind music event! Be sure to let us know if you are interested in participating! *Registration will remain open until April 24.* We are looking forward to another wonderful afternoon of music! Please call 301-717-1171 for more information. Follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/porchfestUP. Rain date TBD.



20th Annual Azalea Classic
Saturday, May 7

Join the University Park community for a morning of family-friendly fun and fitness. At this year's annual Azalea Classic—our 20th—we have options for everyone: 5K, 1-mile, and 1K races in both in-person and virtual formats. Come walk, run, or cheer your neighbors on, or participate virtually from anywhere in the world and enter your results over a two-week period. The in-person races take place on the quiet, azalea-lined streets in University Park. All proceeds from the race go to the University Park Elementary School PTA to provide much-needed supplies to the school commu-

nity. Registration is now open at azaleaclassic.com. We need volunteers for a wide array of jobs between now and race day. If you are interested in helping, please email upesazaleaclassic5K@gmail.com and we can find the perfect job for you!

Arts In the Park

On February 22, the Town Council authorized a proposed resolution from Mayor Carey declaring the last Saturday in September as Arts in The Park Day. This action followed up on a successful Arts in The Park Day held last fall. Sixteen local town artists showcased their visual art works. Over 100 friends and neighbors visited the show. This year an art show will be held September 24 in the park. In July there will be a call for local town artists to participate. Details will be available later in the summer. For additional information please contact Dick Groppe at vawrite20@hotmail.com.

Senator Paul G. Pinsky's Scholarship

Who may Apply: Current high school seniors, full-time and part-time degree-seeking undergraduate and graduate students who live in the 22nd Legislative District. The application is available online at senatorpinsky.org. Complete and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in addition to Senator Paul G. Pinsky's scholarship application. Selection is based on academic achievement, financial need and commitment to higher education. Awards range from \$500-\$2000. If you received an award from Senator Pinsky during a previous academic year, your award will be renewed automatically as long as you maintain satisfactory academic progress. Questions: 301-858-3155 or paul.pinsky@senate.state.md.us *The deadline for applying is April 3, 2022.*



Delegate Alonzo T. Washington's Scholarship

State Delegate Alonzo T. Washington is now accepting applications for his 2022-2023 Scholarship Award Program. Applications, open to current high school seniors or those seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree, are available online at tinyurl.com/WashingtonScholarship2022. To be eligible, applicants must attend a college or university in Maryland and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Undocumented residents are eligible for funds and are wel-

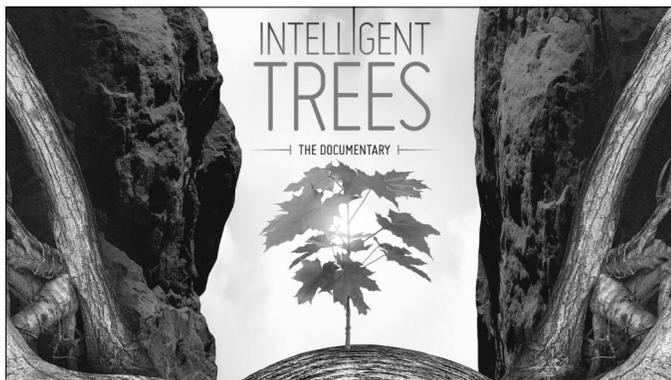
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come to apply. Those who have received Del. Washington's scholarship in the past must reapply this year. For more information, call 301-858-3652 or email Alonzo.Washington@house.state.md.us. *The application deadline is Friday, May 20.*



UP Community Mosquito Control Program

Hello neighbors! April is the time to prepare for the summer mosquito season. If you already own mosquito traps, clean and assemble them. The parts can be washed in the dishwasher; just don't use heat to dry. If you need new parts or want to order new traps go to the Biogents website: us-shop.biogents.com/collections/frontage. Look around your yard for places water can accumulate and empty or dunk or screen. Remember, our program is the first line of defense against the nuisance of biting mosquitoes and mosquito-borne diseases that place residents and our pets at risk. Using this non-chemical approach keeps our local environment safe for bees and other pollinators that support the town's pollinator meadow off Adelphi Road. Visit our page on the town website for more information: upmd.org/222/Community-Mosquito-Control. Questions? Contact us at upcmosquitoc@gmail.com



Hyattsville Branch Library Independent Film Series, *Intelligent Trees*, Monday, April 18, 7 PM Did you know that trees talk, know family ties and care for their young? In this documentary, ecologist Suzanne Simard & forester and author Peter Wollheben share their investigations and discoveries in the fascinating world of trees. View the film in advance on Kanopy.com, the Library's online streaming service. Register on the Library website: ww1.pgcmcls.info/event/6210545



ANACOSTIA WATERSHED SOCIETY

Anacostia Watershed Society Earth Day Cleanup, Saturday, April 23, 10 AM-12 PM Registration is now open for this year's Earth Day Cleanup. Last year, more than 1,200 volunteers spread out safely at over 30 sites along the Anacostia River. Thanks to our volunteers, we removed more than 24 tons of trash and recycling from our neighborhood parks and streams, making a healthier environment for all who live here. To register visit earthday.anacostiaws.org/earthday2022. Choose your site from the map or the alphabetical dropdown. Simply click on register for this site, enter your info, and you're ready to go! All volunteers must register online for the 2022 event. Vaccinations and boosters are required of all participants.



Riversdale Volunteer Open House, Saturday, April 30, 2-4 PM Gardening, transcribing, providing tours, or volunteering during special events are just some of the ways you can get involved at Riversdale. Join us for this open house to get hands-on with volunteers and staff while exploring opportunities at the museum. To register: tinyurl.com/VolunteerRiversdale. Interested in learning more? Check out our recent e-news for more Riversdale updates and highlights of newly transcribed documents, projects, and more: conta.cc/3g1vFOY



UP Helping Paws

Please make sure dogs use the right of way, avoiding private front lawn property. Please remember to pick up after your dog and dispose of waste in public trash cans or your own trash can. Please sign up your animal(s) in the UP Pet database at <https://tinyurl.com/UPPet>. This database is for University Park residents. Committee members can view the information to help reunite lost pets with their owners.

ELECTRONICS & TIRE RECYCLING, PAPER SHREDDING

Saturday, April 30, 9 AM-1 PM

for University Park Residents
UP Elementary School Bus Circle

Bring your electronics to the bus turnaround at UPES to be recycled. Also offered is paper shredding and tire recycling (no rims). Hard drive destruction is offered and the vendor will provide a certificate of destruction but will not destroy the hard drive onsite. paper shredding is offered by EcoShred LLC.

Recycle it! Bring your Driver's License as proof of residency. All electronic items collected will be reused, refurbished or recycled through Electronics Value Recovery, in accordance with local, state and federal regulations. Please check the Public Works page at upmd.org for a list of other reuse and salvage organizations.

Residents must arrange to bring acceptable items to the scheduled recycling events or dispose of them personally at the Prince George's County Landfill.

Acceptable Items

- Desktops
- Laptops
- Cell phones
- Tablets
- Hard Drives
- RAM
- Processors
- Servers
- Flat screen monitors
- Keyboards and mice
- Networking supplies
- Circuit boards
- Networking
- Servers
- Printers
- Toner/Ink
- Batteries
- CRT Monitors
- Electronics
- Accessories
- Docking Stations
- AC Adapters
- Wire



What items are not acceptable?

- Furniture
- Ammunition
- Liquids
- Combustible Materials
- Medical Waste
- Hazardous Materials
- Trash
- Items Containing
- Radiological Material



NOTICE OF ELECTION

The Town of University Park
will hold an election for

The Offices of
Mayor
Councilmember Ward 1
Councilmember Ward 3
Councilmember Ward 7

on

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022

**Poll hours will be conducted from 1-8 p.m. at Town Hall (6724 Baltimore Avenue).
Voters will be required to wear a face mask and stay at least 6 feet away from others.
For safety reasons, we urge voters to vote by drop box or mail.**

Due to the ongoing pandemic, ballot packets will be mailed to every registered Town voter with instructions. Ballots can be returned during poll hours, or by mail, or by drop box – an exterior, locked drop box will be located at Town Hall. If you do not receive a ballot, lose your ballot, or need help, visit Town Hall during poll hours on Election Day, or contact the Town Clerk before Election Day for assistance. **Votes must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day to be counted.**

REGISTER TO VOTE:

Residents may register to vote the following ways:

Register to vote online at: https://elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/application.html

OR

Call the Prince George's County Board of Elections at 301-341-7300; Location: 1100 Mercantile Lane Suite 115A, Largo, MD 20774; Business hours: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m.4:30 p.m.

Residents wishing to vote in the upcoming election must be:

1. A citizen of the United States,
2. 18 years of age or older on the date of election day,
3. A resident of University Park, and
4. Registered to vote at least 29 days prior to election day.

CANDIDATES:

Candidate packets (Candidate Petition and Financial Disclosure Statement) must be completed and returned to the Town Clerk by April 4, 2022 by 5 p.m. Packets are available on the Town's website at www.upmd.org/candidateinfo.

DEADLINES:

Monday, April 4, 2022 last day to register to vote.

Monday, April 4, 2022 by 5 p.m.: last day to file as a candidate.

Thursday, April 28, 2022 by 5 p.m.: last day to file as a qualified write-in candidate.

If residents have any questions, contact Town Clerk TC Hegeman.

Town Clerk
301-927-4262 ext. 101
townhall@upmd.org

Stephanie Herold and Heidi Bulich
Supervisors of Elections
elections@upmd.org



RAIN CHECK

REBATE PROGRAM

Prince George's County is committed to improving the quality of life for its communities by promoting green solutions to stormwater runoff. Stormwater runoff occurs when rain (or snowmelt) flows over the land picking up pollutants such as oil, grease, sediment, and nutrients which make their way into local streams and rivers. The **Rain Check Rebate Program** allows property owners to receive rebates for installing **Rain Check** approved stormwater management practices. Homeowners, businesses, and non-profit entities (including housing cooperatives and churches) can recoup some of the costs of installing practices covered by the program.

Rebate-Eligible Practices



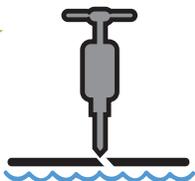
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\$250–\$2,000



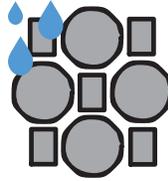
GREEN ROOFS

\$2,000–\$20,000



PAVEMENT REMOVAL

\$600–\$5,000



PERMEABLE PAVEMENT

\$1,200–\$5,000



RAIN BARRELS

\$50–\$100



RAIN GARDENS

\$1,200–\$2,500

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is proud to partner with Prince George's County on its Rain Check Rebate Program, offering incentives to homeowners, businesses, and others to install practices that will improve stormwater runoff quality, reduce runoff quantity, and improve local streams and rivers.

What This Funds

The Rain Check Rebate Program provides eligible applicants the opportunity to receive a reimbursement for installing approved stormwater management practices. Homeowners, businesses, and nonprofit entities can recoup some of the costs of installing practices covered by the program. At this time, Bowie property owners are not eligible to participate in this program.

How Much Can be Awarded

Up to \$4,000 for residential property owners; up to \$20,000 for institutional properties, commercial properties, multi-family dwellings, nonprofit, and not-for-profit organizations, homeowners associations, condominium associations, and civic associations. Projects whose costs exceed the rebate cap must have separate funding to pay for the difference.

Rain Check Rebate Application Process

All Rain Check Rebate applicants must be the property owner and submit an online application. Applications for all projects must be approved by the Trust prior to project installation, with the exception of rain barrel projects. If you have questions regarding the application process, please contact the Rain Check Coordinator, Hannah Martin, at 410-974-2941 x114 or rebate@cbtrust.org.

<https://cbtrust.org/prince-georges-county-rain-check-rebate/>

Rebate amounts are determined by:

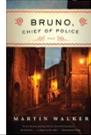
- **Type of practice**
- **Project cost:** The rebate amount cannot exceed the total project cost
- **Applicant type:** Rebate ceilings are set at **\$4,000** for residential practices, and **\$20,000** for commercial, multi-family dwellings, nonprofit entities, and not-for-profit organizations.

Need Help?

Find out if a community workshop is planned for your area by visiting the calendar of events on the program website.

You can also learn about certified contractors and where to find supplies you'll need to install the practices.

April 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Recycling	2
3	4 Yard Waste UP Woman's Club Meeting, Town Council, 7:30 PM	5 Trash, Bulk Trash	6 Sustainability Committee, 7:30 PM via Zoom	7 Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee, 7 PM via Zoom	8 Recycling	9 Ivy League, 10 AM
10	11 Yard Waste	12 Trash, Bulk Trash	13 Trees Committee, 7 PM, Police Committee, 7:30 PM, Both via Zoom	14 Development Overview Committee, 7:30 PM via Zoom	15 Recycling	16
17 Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt, 9:30 AM	18 Yard Waste, Town Council, 7:30 PM	19 Trash, After Eight Book Group, 8 PM 	20	21 Public Facilities & Services, 7:30 PM via Zoom	22 Recycling	23
24	25 Yard Waste	26 Trash, Bulk Trash Helping Hands University Park, 5:30 via Zoom	27	28	29 Recycling 	30 Electronics & More Recycling, 9 AM-1 PM, Prescription Drug Take Back Day, 10 AM-2 PM



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4	Nathaniel Morgan	301-850-4249
5	David McGaughey	301-664-4030
6	Martha Wells	301-864-1735
7	Roland Stephen	919-522-5589

NEWSLETTER

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